

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 9, 2024

TO Honorable Chair and Members of the Workforce, Education and Equity Committee

SUBJECT **Upcoming Agenda Item from Office of Community Care to Accept Additional Grant Funds from Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) for FY25**

On August 14, 2024, the following Office of Community Care agenda item will be considered by City Council:

File ID: 24-2300: Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of additional grant funds from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) (Contract No. 696-TC-24-24-L046, Modification No. M-003) in the amount of \$250,000.00 for re-entry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas to be provided from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025; **(2)** the receipt and deposit of grant funds from TDCJ for the FY 2024-2025 program allocation in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 in the TDCJ Re-Entry Services Program Fund; **(3)** increase in appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 in the TDCJ Re-Entry Services Program Fund; **(4)** the creation of a compliance position to complete required grant activities; and **(5)** the execution the agreement and all terms, conditions and documents required by the contract - Not to exceed \$250,000.00 from \$500,000.00 to \$750,000.00 - Financing: TDCJ Re-Entry Services Program Fund

Background

This item represents the acceptance of \$250,000.00 in additional funding for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice contract to support re-entry services for the period of September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. On June 26, 2024, Council authorized the extension of the Interlocal Agreement and acceptance of funding for FY25 and additional funding. This item represents additional added funding for FY25 programming.

The Reentry Services Program was established by the Texas State Legislature to support projects in Dallas and Houston that strive to support individuals being release from TDCJ facilities and returning to the Dallas or Houston area. This project has been supported through appropriations in the 84th, 86th, 87th, and now the 88th Texas State Legislative Session in 2023. Funding was once again appropriated within the budget for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to enter into an agreement with the City of Dallas to establish and operate a program for reentry services to individuals released from TDCJ facilities who are returning to the Dallas area. The City of Dallas may enter into agreements with non-profit entities, faith-based organizations, community groups and the private sector for the provision of services.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

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On April 27, 2016, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Contract No. 696-TC-16-17-L063), to develop and operate a pilot program for re-entry services for the period September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2017; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 16-0635.

On January 22, 2020, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (Contract No. 696-TC-20-21-L098, to develop and operate a pilot program for reentry services for the period September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2021; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 20-0207.

On November 8, 2023, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) (Contract No. 696-TC-24-24-L046) in the amount of \$500,000.00 for re-entry services to individuals being released from TDCJ who are returning to the City of Dallas area for the period September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024 by Resolution No. 23-1569

On June 26, 2024, the City Council authorized an extension of the interlocal agreement Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) through August 1, 2025, and the acceptance and the acceptance of an additional \$750,000.00 by Resolution 21-0978.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact myself or Jessica Galleshaw, Director of Office of Community Care, at 214-670-5113 or jessica.galleshaw@dallas.gov



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